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July 28, 1978

Richard Dewling
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II
26 Federal Plaza, New York
Director, S&A Division

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Dear sir;

I have obtained your name from NYSDEC technical paper no 51 "Summary of Hudson River PCB Study Results." Perhaps you would be able to help me or refer me to those who would be in a better position to help me. We at IBM are presently involved with setting up procedures for handling PCB containing materials such as transformers, ballasts and capacitors. We would like to have available to us an emergency plan of action to enable us to cope with spills or leaks of this type of material with the greatest speed and minimal exposure. Perhaps the most likely spill incident would involve the burning or leaking of a fluorescent ballast but we would also like to be prepared for leakages of 20 gallons from large transformers. Information on how to contain, collect, store and dispose of such spills is what is sought. I hope to hear from you soon and will be glad to answer any specific questions that you might have on our operation.

Sincerely,

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